

TENTH
ANNUAL REPORT
— OF THE —
TRUSTEES

The Peabody Institute,

SOUTH DANVERS.

SOUTH DANVERS;
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At a legal meeting of the inhabitants of the Town of South Danvers, qualified to vote in town affairs, held March 10th, 1862, it was

VOTED, That the Report of the Trustees of the Peabody Institute, together with the accompanying documents, be accepted, and that nine hundred copies of the same be printed, under the supervision of the Town Clerk, for distribution.

A true copy of record.

Attest:

N. H. POOR, Town Clerk.

instituted which has signal or remarkable differences, political and social, in the two countries, and in many respects with little difference being made in the former institution of committee on which are now in session, who are of Scotchmen born and raised from amongst the Scotch families, and of English, are fully satisfied with respect to every where hereon, and therefore have recommended their vote of abiding the merits of the organization of the Peabody Institute, and that it is expedient that such shall be done.

REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES.

The Trustees of the Peabody Institute herewith submit their Annual Report.

The reports of the Chairman of the Lyceum and Library Committee and of the Sub-Committees, (which are herewith submitted, and a careful examination of which is solicited,) are full of interesting details, and are satisfactory in their conclusions; and obviate the necessity of any suggestions on the part of the Trustees. They show that the Institute continues to flourish, each year enlarging the circle and increasing the depth of its influence, giving fresh proofs of the wisdom of its founder, and renewed assurances of the excellent effects of his benefaction upon our community.

It is difficult, perhaps impossible, to suggest any improvements which could be made in the management of the affairs

of the Institute, or with reference to larger and wider beneficial results, with the pecuniary means at our command. All that we can do, is, to continue to be faithful stewards of the great trust which has been committed to us, and by the manner in which we develope to the fullest extent our present resources, and derive from them and confer upon our citizens the greatest possible good, to evince our gratitude to our kind benefactor; and thus to deserve at his hands the renewed bounty which he has authorized us to anticipate, if we but show ourselves discreet and zealous almoners of his generous endowment, and worthy and capable coadjutors in carrying out his grand schemes of benevolence and philanthropy.

Respectfully submitted,

For the Trustees,

A. A. ABBOTT, *Chairman.*

South Danvers, March 10, 1862.

Report of the Lyceum and Library Committee.

To THE TRUSTEES OF THE PEABODY INSTITUTE :

I herewith present the Annual Report of the Lyceum and Library Committee for the year ending February, 1862.

And in submitting this report, I have the pleasure to state that the various and important duties which devolve upon the Committee, have been discharged with unremitting care and fidelity. The interesting and detailed reports of the Librarian and Sub-Committees, together with the statement of the Treasurer, present an accurate and highly satisfactory account of all their doings. It will be seen, from the statements of the Librarian and the Library Committee, that additional accommodation for the proper care of the books has become necessary. Various methods are suggested, but none particularly recommended. It will also be observed that there has been an increased demand for books, and that the circulation has been much larger than on the preceding year, and it is remarked "that one cause of this increase is owing to the lack of demand for labor;" and this fact strikingly illustrates the usefulness and importance of the Library. If persons having no employ-

ment will avail themselves of this rich store-house of food for the mind, "knowledge" will be obtained, idleness and temptations avoided, and "morality" promoted. And this increased demand for books has taken place at a time when more than three hundred of our young men, (most of them constant participants of the privileges of the Library,) are absent from home, as volunteers in the Federal army for the purpose of sustaining the Government, preserving the Union, and perpetuating the blessings of liberty, which our own ancestors took an early and prominent part to secure.

The lectures have also been well sustained by large audiences, and have given more general satisfaction than on some previous years. The crowded state of the hall on some occasions, has forcibly impressed the Committee of the importance of making some arrangement whereby the number of seats can be increased. This gathering of our population at the lecture hall, is one of the pleasing advantages of the Institute. The attractions of a warm, well lighted hall, smiling countenances, and an impressive lecture, most surely impart a charm to social life.

The report of the Librarian and the statement of the Treasurer of the Branch Library, are also presented, from which it will appear that its importance is appreciated and its usefulness unabated.

The present year will complete one decade since our Centennial Celebration, when Mr. Peabody's first donation was announced; and the recollections of the past bring its sad and startling events before us. The noble edifice is still unscathed by time, increasing in honor and usefulness, but those who planned and executed the workmanship, and gave it strength and beauty, have all fallen by the way, have finished

their labors of earth ; and that cherished friend of Mr. Peabody, Hon. Abbott Lawrence, himself a friend of all that was noble and good, who laid the corner-stone of the building, and the beloved and eloquent Choate, who so beautifully dedicated it for the promotion of "knowledge and morality," "broad, free, identical as humanity itself," now both repose at Mount Auburn. Their memories will ever be associated with the Institute. These lessons of mortality are indeed sad, yet full of instruction to the living. But amid all these regrets, we are happy to know that our distinguished friend and benefactor is still active amid the busy scenes of the great metropolis of the world. The events of the last year must have cast a shade of sorrow over his active and hopeful mind—and he must view with deep regret and anxiety the present distracted and unfortunate position of his native land. But as a devoted friend of the Union, and a patriotic and loyal American, he must be awake to the importance of sustaining the Government in the present crisis of our national affairs ; and now, as heretofore, he is, without doubt, using his best efforts and extensive influence, to maintain amicable and friendly relations between England and America.

The buildings and grounds connected with the Institute have received the watchful and careful attention of the Committee appointed for that purpose.

The Librarian has a responsible and interesting duty to perform, which, as the Library Committee remark, has been discharged with "efficiency and faithfulness."

And I take pleasure in commanding the prompt and cheerful manner of the Janitor in performing all the duties which devolve upon him.

And, in conclusion, I would remark that the Institute, in all

its departments and interests, has, the past year, fully sustained its previous elevated character for usefulness and popularity.

R. S. DANIELS,

President of the Lyceum and Library Committee.

South Danvers, February, 1862.

Report of the Library Committee.

TO THE LYCEUM AND LIBRARY COMMITTEE OF THE PEABODY INSTITUTE :

The Annual Report of the Library Committee can present but few items of interest in addition to the report of the Librarian. By that report, it appears that the Library has been increased by the addition of four hundred and fifty-four volumes ; that 24,217 volumes have been taken from the Library during the year, and that out of that number only eight are missing ; that many old and worn-out volumes have been replaced, and in general, that the Library is in a good condition, and that the public appreciation of its benefits is yearly increasing.

As to the *wants* of the Library, we have only to repeat what has often been suggested. Reference has been made by the

Librarian to the want of shelf-room in the Library. This subject has several times engaged the attention of the Committee, but there has always been a reluctance to the erection of alcoves, lest the present symmetry of the room should be destroyed, and the light obstructed. As the growth of the Library will absolutely require, at no distant day, the construction of alcoves, or the enlargement of the room, it is thought that some plan can be devised which will obviate all objections, and that the best way to accomplish the object, is, to submit the whole matter to a competent architect, whose report will guide us in our action.

The enlargement of the Library room is only a question of time and means. The natural growth of the Library will soon require this, and we should recommend this at once, provided we had means to carry out the plan. It is our duty to make known the *wants* of the Library, some of which have become *necessities*, and whether those wants can be provided for, must be determined by those who control the finances.

The Committee suggest anew the opening of the Library every day, for the convenience of the public. The only objection to this, is the want of means, as the additional care and attendance would require further outlay. We hope, however, that this plan will soon be adopted, and thus raise this institution to that standard of character and usefulness which other institutions of this kind possess, and which must soon be expected of this.

The subject of using the unoccupied ante-room for a periodical reading-room has been contemplated. It is to be hoped that this improvement will be adopted as soon as some practicable mode of operations can be devised.

The Libraries in the vicinity of Boston have formed an

association through which foreign books and periodicals can be purchased, without the intervention of book-sellers, and at a great saving of expense, such as profits of trade, duties, and incidental expenses.

If we had means to carry out this plan, in connection with the opening of the Library every day, we are sure that the position and usefulness of the Institution would be second to none, and that all such improvements would be highly appreciated by the reading public.

We hope that some, if not all, the above suggestions, will be adopted, so far, at least, as is consistent with the means at the disposal of the officers of the Institute.

In conclusion, we are pleased to bring to your notice the faithfulness and efficiency of the Librarian during the year, evidence of which has been found by our personal examination of the Library from time to time.

The above report is respectfully submitted,

By the Committee,

BENJ. C. PERKINS, *Chairman.*

Librarian's Report.

TO THE LYCEUM AND LIBRARY COMMITTEE OF THE PEABODY
INSTITUTE:

Gentlemen :—In presenting the Librarian's Report of the condition and wants of the Library, as required by the By-Laws, I am enabled, notwithstanding the general depression of business and the disturbed state of the country, to congratulate you upon its continued and increasing usefulness.

During the year ending in July last, 24,217 volumes have been drawn from the Library, all of which have been returned except eight. Two volumes reported last year as missing have also been returned. The number of books borrowed exceed that of the preceding year by 4193 volumes. One cause of this great increase in the demand for books, is doubtless owing to the lack of demand for labor and the general depression of business. On this supposition it is gratifying, as it shows that a good use has been made of time which might otherwise have been idly spent.

The number of new accounts opened with borrowers the last year has been 218. The whole number of persons who have,

since the establishment of the Library, given their signatures to the Regulations, is 3,169.

The Library has been increased the last year, by the addition of 458 volumes, of which number 23 were received by gift. The average cost of those purchased was about one dollar, or about eight cents less per volume than last year. The books received by donation were from the following persons and institutions :—

A. D. Bache, Washington.....	1
M. J. Bowditch, Boston.....	1
George S. Boutwell, Boston.....	6
Public Library, Boston.....	1
City Library, Lowell.....	1
Smithsonian Institution.....	1
Essex Institute, Salem.....	1
Miss Eliza Lowe, Salem.....	1
John W. Proctor.....	1
David H. Southwick.....	1
F. Poole.....	4
D. W. King.....	1
Jona. F. Worcester.....	3
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In the Report of last year, some remarks were made in regard to the dilapidated condition of many of the books. The condition of Library, in this respect, has been improved the past year, by the purchase of about 70 volumes to replace those which were worn and imperfect. There is yet ample room for further improvement, as every year shows the effect of the constant use of books, even if entrusted to careful hands. The renewal of worn-out books, which was not required in the early years of the Institute, will hereafter be the source of regular annual expenditure, if the Library is to be kept in good condition.

Among the additions to the Library, the last year, is a complete set, in 51 volumes, of Frazer's Magazine, from its commencement up to 1854. Orders have gone forward to bring it up to the present period. This set of books is handsomely bound in calf, and it was obtained at a reasonable price. There has also been an addition, the past year, to the periodicals taken in numbers, and this department of the Library is attracting, more and more, the attention of borrowers. As the numbers are preserved and bound at the end of the year, the volumes make a permanent addition to the value of the Library, and become useful for consultation and reference. Much of the best literature of the day, and of the results of scientific research, are now to be found in the higher periodicals. The Peabody Library is fortunate in being the possessor, by the special gift of its great Patron, of complete sets of the most valuable English works of this kind. Among these is the Gentleman's Magazine from 1735 to 1856, in 203 volumes. As a proof that these old periodicals are not entirely neglected, I will mention the fact that one of our borrowers, a laboring man, has drawn out and read the entire series of the above Magazine, and is now reading them a *second time*, having already reached the ninety-third volume.

In the performance of that part of my duty which requires me to report the wants of the Library, I find the most prominent appears to be the providing of shelf room for books. This subject has engaged the attention of the Committee for several years, and temporary expedients have been resorted to, until the time seems to have arrived for the adoption of some plan of action to effect an object so desirable. Various plans have been suggested, and among them, furnishing the room with alcoves. The objections made to this plan, have been

that these were not contemplated in the original design of the room, and that the pleasantness of the apartment would be marred by their introduction. Another plan has been suggested, which would add to the present accommodations, room for about 6,000 volumes, and leave the room unobstructed. This plan is, to continue the shelves up to the ceiling, and construct a gallery, with an iron balustrade, supported by brackets about six and a half feet from the floor. The objection to this project is, the time and trouble it would cause the assistants in procuring the books for delivery. A third plan, which would add about the same accommodation, is to open an archway into one of the Committee rooms, and use its walls for book-cases. The feasability of this plan depends much upon whether the room may not be needed for some other purposes of the Institute.

There has been no supplementary Catalogue issued the past year, but the manuscript Catalogue is now so extended as to require its publication soon. A full Catalogue, and a new arrangement of the books in the Library, is desirable, as since the original Catalogue was printed, in 1855, five Supplements have been added, rendering the search for books more difficult according to the number of these Supplements. All growing libraries are subject to this inconvenience, and the only remedy is found in the occasional absorption of these Supplements into a full Catalogue. It is also the experience of all libraries that the publication of a Catalogue is expensive, and the sale of copies does little towards reimbursement of the expense. People prefer to consult a Catalogue at the Library room rather than at their own homes. The latest Supplement issued, containing, as it does, all the new works, is more highly esteemed than all which go before it.

Desirable as it may be to have a new and full Catalogue, the cost of its publication would be so great that we shall probably have to suffer the inconveniences of the small supplements a while longer, and perhaps to a time when a re-arrangement of the Library may be effected.

Respectfully submitted,

FITCH POOLE, *Librarian.*

Report of the Committee on Lectures.

TO THE LYCEUM AND LIBRARY COMMITTEE OF THE PEABODY
INSTITUTE :

The Committee on Lectures beg leave to submit the following Annual Report :

The Eighth Annual Course of Free Lectures now in progress, numbering fourteen lectures, was opened Nov. 26th, 1861, by Rev. Dr. Huntington of Boston, and will be closed Feb. 18th, 1862, by George W. Curtis, Esq., of New York.

The lectures of this season have again been divided into miscellaneous, and a special series on a scientific topic. The Committee, at first, proposed a course on the Military Art, as applicable to the present condition of the country ; but it soon became evident that the contest called for the services of those

who could illustrate that subject, elsewhere rather than in the lecture field. It was regarded as no longer an open question whether to continue the system of the past three years, viz: the devoting of a part of the lectures to some one topic—which may be either strictly scientific, or possessing especial importance as a branch of general knowledge—and when the Committee reflected that a large portion of the intellectual strength of the Age is assiduously engaged in interrogating nature, and by its explorations enriching every branch of Physical Science, and when they considered that the education of the people is the avowed object of the founder of this Institution, it seemed to them to be peculiarly proper to endeavor to enlist some portion of that strength, thus engaged, in the service of their department. Some drawbacks, a part of which have been hinted at in previous reports, tend to prevent the efforts of the Committee, in this direction, from being crowned with that full measure of success which they could wish for. The popular Lyceum lecturer may not only bring to his aid the graces of Rhetoric and Oratory, but, as he flits before the people for his brief hour, he can always choose themes which find a ready sympathy in the popular mind. Not so with him who would show to his auditors “how worlds were made,” and would explain those laborious inductions by which he has himself arrived at a knowledge of the hidden secrets of nature. Upon him is imposed, in no small degree, the task of *creating* an interest, and unless he possesses the magic art of imparting to others some of that enthusiasm, which devotion to such pursuits is sure to inspire in his own mind, the *earnest* seekers after knowledge may falter in their attention to his teachings, while the thoughtless, missing their accustomed food for amusement, will turn away with ill-concealed disappointment.

It is in this view that the Committee deem themselves, and the public, fortunate in having engaged the services of Prof. P. A. Chadbourne, of Williams College, to deliver a course of four lectures on Zoology, a subject on which the illustrious Agassiz has not thought it beneath him to devote the labor of a lifetime. If uniformly large audiences, and close and patient attention, are any criterion, these lectures may be pronounced a decided success, to which the happy manner of the lecturer not a little contributed.

The Committee are able to report that, notwithstanding there is so much in public affairs to distract the attention, there has been manifested throughout the season an unusual degree of interest in the lectures, and the Hall has been well filled on each lecture evening. This has caused some regret to be felt, that there is not a more speedy mode of egress from the Hall for the audience. The Committee have no plan to recommend for remedying this difficulty, but take this occasion to place the complaint on record, in order that it may not be lost sight of in any future alterations of the building. It has been suggested that an addition of twenty or thirty feet to the length of the building, would increase the size of the Hall, and give room for additional stair-cases,—but, although such increase in the accommodations of the Hall would be desirable, there is to be feared the loss of its symmetry, and, possibly, of its excellent acoustic properties.

Some complaint has been made that children under the prescribed age attend the lectures, to the dissatisfaction of others whose parents are more scrupulous in the observance of the regulations. This has induced the Committee to give orders for the impartial enforcement of the rule, leaving it to the

wisdom of the General Committee, who made the rule, to alter it if they think proper.

The expenses of this department, for this season, are as follows:—

For lecturers,	.	.	.	\$517 53
Other expenses, say	30 00
Total,	.	.	.	\$547 53

THOMAS M. STIMPSON,

Chairman of Committee on Lectures.

South Danvers, Feb. 3, 1862.

Library and Lyceum Com. in acct. with G. A. Osborne, Tr.

	Dr.
1861.	
Feb'y 11, To paid F. Poole's bill, stationery,	\$5 86
12, R. W. Emerson,	25 00
12, Prof. Youman,	30 00
20, Chas. D. Howard's bill, cards and printing,	20 00
21, Fitch Poole's bill, services,	87 50
26, Bishop Clark,	25 00
April 1, Gas bill ending April 1,	34 34
12, Littlefield, for services,	14 00
15, M. Black, Jr.'s bill, coal,	59 19
17, J. L. Waterman,	6 50
17, J. P. Fernald,	6 50
17, Little, Brown & Co.'s bill,	4 40
17, " "	4 40
17, Thomas A. Sweetser,	2 00
17, Postage bill,	1 99
May 2, E. A. Silsbee's bill,	8 05
3, Fitch Poole's bill,	87 50
13, W. Simonds' bill,	21 00
13, C. Simonds' bill,	2 25
14, J. H. Teague's bill,	75 00
14, S. C. Abbott's bill,	1 88
17, Lecture Committee's bill,	1 50
July 1, Gas bill ending July 1,	9 72
5, S. C. Abbott's bill,	88
5, E. F. Burnham's bill,	50
5, J. L. Waterman's bill,	6 50
11, Chas. D. Howard's bill,	8 00
19, J. S. Leavitt's bill,	2 25
Aug. 5, J. P. Fernald's bill,	6 25
12, L. Chandler & Co.'s bill,	24 70
13, Fitch Poole's bill,	87 50
13, Postage bill,	1 95
13, James Campbell's bill,	19 28
13, Ticknor & Field's bill, books,	208 43
Sept. 9, J. L. Waterman's bill,	3 75
9, D. B. Brooks & Bro's bill, stationery,	1 64
9, J. H. Teague's bill, services,	37 50
Oct'r 3, Gas bill ending October 1,	3 24
3, Whipple & Friend's bill,	1 21
10, J. Perley, Jr.'s bill, binding and repairing books,	40 05
14, Ira Foster's bill, charcoal,	7 00
18, Hooper, Lewis & Co.'s bill, ledger,	9 00

*Amount carried forward,**\$1003 21*

	<i>Amount brought up.</i>	\$1003 21
Nov'r 7, Little & Brown's bill,	\$1 60	
7, Fitch Poole's bill,	87 50	
7, S. C. Abbott's bill,	88	
11, For Trunk to keep papers, &c.,	2 50	
26, Rev. Mr. Huntington,	30 00	
Dec'r 3, Rev. Mr. Milburn,	62 00	
10, R. E. Smith's bill,	6 50	
10, J. P. Fernald's bill,	8 50	
27, Prof. Chadbourne, five lectures and expenses,	165 53	
1862.		
Jan'y 2, Gas bill ending January 1,	22 68	
6, Rev. Mr. Stone,	25 00	
9, Postage bill,	2 17	
14, Rev. Mr. Murray,	25 00	
18, Ticknor & Field's bill,	187 71	
20, S. C. Abbott's bill,	1 38	
20, E. H. Staten's bill,	50	
29, H. O. Warren & Co.'s bill, coal,	34 50	
21, Dr. Winship,	50 00	
28, Prof. Youmans,	30 00	
Balance,	398 28	
		\$2,145 44

1861.

	Cr.
Feb'y , By Balance,	\$214 28
11, Received of Mr. Poole for catalogues,	3 37
11, Received of Mr. Poole, for fines,	27 79
April 8, By draft on Trustees,	300 00
July 10, By draft on Trustees,	800 00
1862.	
Jan'y 3, By draft on Trustees,	8 00 00
Feb'y 3, By balance,	<hr/> \$2,145 44
Outstanding bills estimated	\$398 28
	250 00

G. A. OSBORNE,

Treasurer of Library and Lyceum Committee.

South Danvers, Feb. 3, 1862.

Summary Statement of the Foregoing Account.

	Dr.
To paid for Books,	\$460 57
To paid for Lectures,	494 53
To paid for Coal,	100 69
To paid for Gas,	69 98
To paid for Binding,	40 05
To paid Librarian,	350 00
To paid Assistants,	44 50
To paid Janitor,	112 50
To paid for Printing,	28 00
To paid for Stationery and blank books,	16 50
To paid for Postage,	6 44
To paid Mr. Littlefield,	14 00
To paid for Express hire and incidentals,	9 40
Balance,	398 28
	\$2,145 44

	Cr.
Balance February, 1861,	\$214 28
Received for Catalogues,	3 37
Received for Fines,	27 79
Drafts on Trustees,	1,900 00
	\$2,145 44
By balance,	\$398 28

Trustees of Peabody Institute in account with F. Osborn, Treasurer.

DR.

1861.

April	8,	To paid L. and L. F. Com. draft, (Branch),	\$210 00
	8,	To paid L. and L. F. Com. draft,	300 00
	26,	Aqueduct bills,	8 00
May	23,	Bill for Trees,	10 00
July	10,	L. and L. F. Committee, draft,	800 00
	13,	Haven & Whitten's bill,	149 35
	13,	T. Pinnock's bill,	21 00
Nov'r	27,	Aqueduct bills,	7 50
	27,	E. Mudge's bill,	8 45
	27,	T. Chadbourn's bill,	2 90
	27,	William T. Dole's bill,	3 50
	27,	George Fowler's bill,	20 28

1862.

Jan'y	3,	L. and L. F. Committee, draft, (Branch),	210 00
	3,	L. and L. F. Committee, draft,	800 00
	9,	Samuel Trask's bill,	90 00
	27,	Clark & Giddings' bill,	28 88
	27,	Insurance,	61 88
Feb'y	21,	Haven & Whitten's bill,	10 55
	27,	J. H. Teague's bill,	14 70
	27,	A. Jones' bill,	60
		Balance,	379 07—\$3,136 66

CR.

1861.

Feb'y	, By Balance,		\$210 66
	25, 6 mos. int. on town Danvers note, (Branch),	210 00	
April	8, 6 mos. int. on town South Danvers note,	210 00	
	8, Dividend Warren Bank,	12 00	
	26, Rent of D. Woodbury,	58 75	
May	2, Rent of Messrs. Keely & Simonds,	79 00	
	23, 6 mos. int. on town South Danvers note,	90 00	
July	3, July payment of Mr. Peabody,	600 00	
	13, Rent of Messrs. Woodbury and Simonds,	81 25	
Aug.	26, Rent of Mr. Keely,	31 25	
	29, 6 mos. int. on town Danvers note, (Branch),	210 00	
Nov'r	27, Dividend Warren Bank,	9 00	
	27, Rent of Mr. Keely,	26 50	
	27, Rent of Mr. Woodbury.	52 50	
	27, Rent of Mr. Simonds,	33 25	
	27, 6 mos. int. on town South Danvers note,	210 00	
	27, 6 mos. int. on town South Danvers note,	90 00	

1862.

Jan'y	3, January payment of Mr. Peabody,	600 00
	3, Rent of D. Woodbury,	50 00
	3, Rent of Mr. Grosvenor,	31 25
	16, Rent of Mr. Simonds,	31 25
	27, 6 mos. int. on town Danvers note (Branch),	210 00—\$3,136 66
Feb'y	28, By Balance,	\$379 07

FRANKLIN OSBORN, *Treasurer.*

South Danvers, Feb. 28, 1862.

Branch Library.

To THE LIBRARY COMMITTEE:

Gentlemen :—The Librarian presents the following Semi-Annual Report :

The Library has regularly been opened for the delivery of books on the afternoons and evenings of Saturdays and Wednesdays, with the exception of last Saturday. Upon that day it was closed, there being no means of warming the room.

A new furnace has recently been put into the building, one-fourth part of the expense of which, the Library, in accordance with a former vote, will be expected to pay.

If the number of books delivered is a good criterion by which to judge, the interest in the Library has been well sustained. The character of the reading is thought to be gradually changing. There appears to be less of the purely fictitious, and more of History, Biography and Travels, in the place of it. The general condition of the Library may be inferred from the following statistics :

No. of borrowers' names added to the Ledger since July 20, 1861,	58
Whole number of names on the Ledger,	1,859
Number of volumes delivered,	6,583
Average per week,	235
Number of volumes added to the Library,	113
Number of volumes belonging to the Library,	3,250
Number delivered since the Library was first opened,	64,271

Respectfully,

NATHANIEL HILLS, *Librarian.*

Danvers, January 31, 1862.

STATEMENT FOR THE YEAR.

Number of borrowers' names added to the Ledger,	115
Number of names recorded on the Ledger,	1,859
Number of volumes delivered during the year, -	12,842
Average per week during the time the Library has been open,	259
Number of volumes added to the Library,	149
Number of volumes now belonging to the Library,	3,250
Number of volumes bound and re-bound,	45

The Library was examined July 18th, 1861, and it was found that but one volume had been lost during the year. There were found missing from the Library since it was first opened, on Sept. 5th, 1857, but five volumes; and the whole number delivered during the same time was 57,688.

BRANCH LIBRARY.

Library and Lyceum Committee in acct. with G. A. Osborne, T.

1861.	DR.
March 11, To paid N. Hills' bill,	\$77 89
April 15, Danvers Gas Company's bill,	2 90
15, Danvers Gas Company's bill,	7 90
May 4, Danvers Gas Company's bill,	9 03
4, Danvers Gas Company's bill,	1 73
July 16, N. Hills' bill,	35 89
16, Elliot & White's bill,	3 50
16, Insurance,	15 00
17, Ticknor & Field's bill,	63 16
Dec'r 24, Danvers Gas Company's bill,	12 20
24, N. Hills' bill,	14 00
24, N. Hills' bill,	44 57
24, N. Hills' bill,	37 11
Balance,	116 80—\$441 68

1861.	CR.
February, By Balance,	\$21 68
April 8, By draft on Trustees,	210 00
Dec'r 24, By draft on Trustees,	210 00—\$441 68

1862.	
Feb'y 3, By Balance,	\$116 80

G. A. OSBORNE, Treasurer *L. and L. Committee.*

South Danvers, February 3, 1862.

**STATE OF THE FUNDS OF THE BRANCH LIBRARY,
FEB. 3, 1862.**

Cash in Treasurer's hands February 12, 1861	\$21 68
Received interest on \$7,000 to August 25, 1861.....	420 00
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	\$441 68
Paid for Books.....	\$66 66
Paid for Expenses	258 22— \$324 88
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Balance in Treasurer's hands.....	\$116 80
To which add interest on \$7,000 to 25th inst.,.....	210 00
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	\$326 80
From which deduct Bills outstanding, for books.....	\$106 87
Expenses, including one-fourth the cost of new furnace, say 75 00—\$181 87	—
	\$144 93